

2nd Assistant Chief of the Selbyville Delaware Volunteer Fire Company. In 1972, he served as the Chief of the Selbyville Fire Company, a post he would hold again from 1996–1997.

In his 38 years, Ray has served the Selbyville Fire Company in a variety of other positions, including work as Assistant Treasurer, a 32-year stint as an Engineer, and his current work as both a human resources officer and a safety officer. After serving as President of the Selbyville Fire Company, Ray moved to the Sussex County Volunteer Firemen's Association, where he would serve as President from 1999–2000.

As you know, firefighters are of critical importance to our society. In order to be as effective as possible, they require dedicated and organized supporters. Over the past year, Ray has exemplified these qualities and effectively led the DVFA. For his hard work, both the State of Delaware and the United States of America are indebted to him.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Mr. Stevens on his exceptional career of service and dedication. DVFA 1st Vice-President and incoming President Ken Pyle and 2nd Vice-President Alan Robinson join me in congratulating Ray on his service as President of the DVFA.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF  
FATHER JOHN C. DALTON

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Father John C. Dalton, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Name Church of Cleveland, Ohio, whose love, kindness and faithful service to the people of Cleveland will be remembered always.

Pastor Dalton entered St. Mary's Seminary in 1943 and was ordained into the priesthood in 1948. For sixty-five years, Pastor Dalton served the people of our community, young and old. He baptized more than 2,000 parishioners and united 545 couples in marriage. At Holy Name parish, Pastor Dalton tended to the spiritual and humanitarian needs of the parishioners, and extended his assistance out into the community.

Pastor Dalton's vision and focus on uplifting his community manifested itself along Broadway Avenue and beyond, where he led efforts to improve Holy Name church and school, and even helped out in the construction of new ball fields. His compassion, patience and love for others reflected throughout his life of service, from tenure as teacher, to his position as Associate Director of Services for the Deaf; to his neighborhood activism and work as a counselor within self-help groups. Even following his retirement, Pastor Dalton continued his life-long mission of regular visits to hospitals and the homebound, offering comfort and support to our most vulnerable citizens.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join us in tribute and remembrance of Father John C. Dalton, Pastor Emeritus of Holy Name Parish of Cleveland. Pastor Dalton's steadfast service to others, framed by compassion, understanding, and a warm smile, offered healing, hope and faith to all of us. I extend my deepest condolences to the family of Pastor Dalton,

to the parishioners of Holy Name Church, and to the entire Broadway Avenue community. Pastor Dalton will be deeply missed by everyone who knew and loved him well, yet his light and love will always serve as a guiding force throughout our community and will radiate forever along Broadway Avenue and far beyond.

IN LASTING MEMORY OF ROBERT  
COMPTON

**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2005*

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert "Bob" Compton of El Dorado, Arkansas. Mr. Compton passed away on Saturday, August 6th at the age of 76.

A graduate of Hendrix College in 1949 and the University of Arkansas Law School in 1952, Mr. Compton was an agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and in 1970 ran for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Arkansas. Additionally, Mr. Compton was a Special Associate Justice and Special Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court and served as Special Chairman of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

A member of the Arkansas Bar Association and President from 1975–1976, Mr. Compton distinguished himself among his colleagues as an outstanding attorney. This is further evidenced by his receipt of the Arkansas Outstanding Lawyer Award in 1988, a classroom dedicated in his name at the University of Arkansas School of Law in May 2004, and the Arkansas Bar Foundation Award for Excellence in June 2004.

Mr. Compton was a respected attorney and was dedicated to his family, community and state. Bob was a good friend who inspired me through his wise counsel, deeds and actions, just as he has so many others over the years. Bob leaves the City of El Dorado and the State of Arkansas a better place because of his many contributions.

Bob Compton truly led an exemplary life and developed a profound respect for our legal system. My deepest sympathies go out to his wife, Margaret Compton, their sons, Robert C. Compton, Jr. and Walter Knox Compton, their daughter, Cathleen Compton, and their grandchildren, Maggie, Whitley, Jackson, and Tyler.

TRIBUTE TO AMY SURGINER  
LIGON NORTHPROP

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 15, 2005*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Amy Surginer Ligon Northrop on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Born September 28, 1905 in Dixiana, South Carolina, Mrs. Northrop became a successful entrepreneur, owning several businesses, including a thriving beauty shop and a laundromat in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mrs. Northrop, a pioneer among African American businesswomen, attended grade

school in Dixiana and St. Ann Episcopal School in Cayce, South Carolina. She received her bachelor's degree from Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, where she later established a scholarship named after her and her late husband, John. With a boundless thirst for knowledge, she furthered her education at Tennessee State University, South Carolina State University, Almanella School of Beauty Culture, and the Manhattan Trade School in New York.

Broadening her knowledge of life and mankind through travel, Mrs. Northrop was at various times, a resident of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. With her foresight and vision, she opened a beauty shop in Brooklyn, New York. She relocated to South Carolina in 1935 and opened Amy's Beauty Shop. In 1936, she became a member of the South Carolina State Cosmetology Association and the first clinic for the association was held at her business. When the Columbia Citywide Cosmetology Association was organized in 1938, Mrs. Northrop became one of the charter members.

In 1941, she successfully negotiated affiliation with the National Beauty Culturists League for the Columbia association. She became a state organizer at a national beauticians' convention and organized beauticians throughout the State. Her interest in cosmetology led to extensive travel throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Mrs. Northrop has received numerous certificates and awards for her outstanding contributions to the field of cosmetology. In 1945, she received the great honor of being the first African American state inspector of beauty shops in South Carolina. A tireless civic leader, Mrs. Northrop founded Gamma Epsilon, a chapter of the Alpha Chi Pi Mega Sorority, whose first members were beauticians from Charleston, Sumter, Kingstree, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

As an entrepreneur, she was successful in securing the purchase of property on Clark Street in Columbia as a headquarters for the city's beauticians' association. She later helped to secure the land on Fontaine Road where the State Cosmetology Headquarters, the Margarette H. Miller Cosmetology Center, now stands.

Mrs. Northrop is a life member of Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church in Dixiana, South Carolina, where she organized the Youth Church, the Pull Together Club, the National Council of Negro Women, and the NAACP. In 1997, she relocated to the Washington, DC area to live with her niece and nephew, Rose and Edgar Crook, and worships with them at Shiloh Baptist Church. She continues to maintain strong ties to South Carolina, however, and visits as often as she can.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in saluting Mrs. Amy Surginer Ligon, one of South Carolina's and America's finest citizens, as she celebrates her 100th birthday.